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I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 18 March 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gordon Arneson, acting for Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

*Part of meeting

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1. Approval of Minutes

11 March Meeting
(IAC-M-332)

Approved as written.

2. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 397

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

The members discussed various factors bearing on the situation in France, including the probable longevity of the Gaillard government, the prospects for an eventual government headed by de Gaulle and the probable attitude of a de Gaulle government on questions such as NATO.

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The Chairman discussed with the members developments in Indonesia, referring specifically to matters such as the fighting around Medan and the position of Col. Barlian. Admiral Frost commented on the reported arrival in Java of Soviet cargo ships.

The members exchanged views on the situation in the Middle East with particular reference to the stability of the Saudi Arabian regime. In this connection, the Chairman and Mr. Arneson outlined recent State-CIA discussions with respect to a State Department paper on the Middle East. The Chairman emphasized the importance of producing at an early date an intelligence appraisal of longer-range trends in this area. Following this exchange of views, the Chairman suggested that the intelligence portions of the State paper be separated out and circulated, together with CIA comments thereon, to the IAC agencies for review, particularly from the standpoint of using them as a basis for the possible production of a coordinated

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estimate on the longer-range implications of various Middle Eastern developments. The members concurred in this procedure.

3. Discussion of NSC Action with Respect to IAC-USCIB Merger and Revision of NSCIDs

a. IAC-USCIB Merger

The members noted the record of NSC action indicating Presidential approval of the recommendation of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities that a single group be established to assist and advise the Director of Central Intelligence in discharging his responsibility for the coordination of all operations concerned with both special and other forms of intelligence which, together, constitute the foreign intelligence effort of the US. The members then discussed in considerable detail various problems involved in carrying out this decision. After discussion the members agreed that the Chairman should attempt to arrange a meeting at the earliest convenient date between Generals Cutler and Hull (together with members of their staffs as appropriate) and the members of the IAC and USCIB to endeavor to clarify certain questions and generally to review matters related to implementation of this action.

b. Revision of NSCIDs

The members noted the NSC action approving the draft NSCIDs Nos. 1 through 5, subject to the direction to modify paragraph 17 of NSCID No. 1 and paragraph 4 of NSCID No. 2 in certain respects. Proposed amendments of these paragraphs circulated by [redacted] were then reviewed. Tentative final action agreement was reached on an amended version of paragraph 17 of NSCID No. 1 but final action was deferred until the next regular IAC meeting at Mr. Roach's request. The members concurred in an amended version of paragraph 4 of NSCID No. 2.

The members also noted the record of NSC action with respect to the revised NSCID No. 6 and NSCID No. 7 (NSC Action

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1873, paras. d and e). In connection with NSCID No. 7, views were exchanged on the question of the preparation of a joint report by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence on the communications means for transmission of critical intelligence (NSC Action 1873, para. e (1)). General Cabell noted that Admiral Irving and General Samford had recently reviewed this problem and that General McClelland might join them in these discussions. The members agreed that General Collins should consult General Erskine on this matter, and that, subject to General Erskine's concurrence, the problem of implementing this portion of the NSC action should then be referred initially to the above group (including Admiral Irving and Generals Samford and McClelland). The members also agreed that the second aspect of NSC Action 1873 e (relative to the definition of critical intelligence, establishing priorities for its transmission and development of communications requirements for transmission of such intelligence) be referred initially for implementation to the IAC committee which is already doing work on this problem..

The members concurred in the recommendation of General Cabell, who was then presiding, that, for administrative convenience, the effective date of those NSCIDs which had been finally approved by the NSC should be 1 April.

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4. Proposed DCID 1/3
Priority National
Intelligence Objectives
(Memorandum to IAC, 12 March)

Approved subject to the amendment of para. I d on page 3 to read: "Present and future Soviet capabilities for defense against nuclear attack by aircraft and missiles."

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In this connection, [redacted] noted that appropriate subcommittees would proceed with the preparation of subsidiary priority objectives and that after IAC approval these subsidiary objectives would be published in one volume with the over-all PNIOs, pursuant to an earlier decision of the IAC (IAC-M-319, item 4).

5. NIE 54-58

The Outlook for Ceylon

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a. Approved as amended. In this connection, [redacted] noted that a post-mortem would be submitted at a later IAC meeting but that no validity study would be prepared as there had been no prior NIE on this country.

b. No member objected to the release of this estimate to USIA.

6. Proposed Reconsideration
of SNIE 11-10-57
(IAC-D-81/16, 5 March)

After General Collins explained the reason for his proposal, Mr. Kent noted that evidence bearing on this and other aspects of the Soviet missile program were being currently reviewed by the agencies and GMIC in connection with the forthcoming over-all missile estimate (NIE 11-5-58) and suggested several alternative courses of action. After discussion the members agreed not to reexamine SNIE 11-10-57 formally at this time. However, it was understood that, at the first IAC meeting following submission of the GMIC contribution to NIE 11-5-58, the question of undertaking an SNIE on the Soviet ICBM program would be reviewed again, in the light of that GMIC contribution.

7. Release of Minutes to
President's Board

The Chairman noted a request by the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities that they be placed on the regular distribution list for IAC minutes and the members agreed that this be done.

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8. Mr. Allan Evans

Mr. Arneson advised the members that Mr. Allan Evans of the Office of Intelligence Research and Analysis had been selected as the State Department's "Civil Servant of the Year." The Chairman suggested that Mr. Arneson convey the congratulations of the IAC to Mr. Evans.

Adjournment: 1230

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

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[REDACTED]
Mr. Sherman Kent

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Mr. Otto E. Guthe
Mr. Huntington Sheldon

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Department of State

Mr. William McAfee
Mr. Richard H. Sanger
Mr. John Eaves, Jr.

Department of the Army

Colonel Ralph L. Dalton
Lieutenant Colonel Harry J. Davis
Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt
Mr. Yaro J. Skalnik

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Brigadier General Robert A. Breitweiser
Lieutenant Colonel Richard D. Day
Lieutenant Colonel Norman N. Perlberg
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

The Joint Staff

Colonel E. G. Van Crman, USMC
Colonel M. F. Cone, USA
Colonel R. H. Stumpf, USA

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz

GMIC

Colonel Earl McFarland

USCIB

Captain Allyn Cole